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Finance Committee Minutes 03-12-2001

ARLINGTON FINANCE COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING, March 12, 2001
7:30 PM O'NEILL ROOM COMMUNITY SAFETY BUILDING

ATTENDEES:

Phelps*	Feinleib*	Kocur*	O'Neill*	Mahoney
DeCoursey*	Villandry*	Simmons*	Mazmanian*	
Tosti*	Foskett*	Deyst*	Ronan	
Scoppettuolo*	Franclemont*		Olsen*	
DuBois*	Howard	Fanning*	Tosi*	Kneeland*

* Indicates present

VISITORS: Chair Parks & Recreation Commission Don Vitters, Minuteman Tech Superintendent Ron Fitzgerald, Minuteman Tech School Committee Chair Jeff Stulin, Arlington Member Minuteman Tech School Committee Paul Schlichtman

ARTICLE 85 APPROPRIATION/PARKS & FIELDS: Vitters reviewed the playground renovation project. Currently considering Robbins Farm & Buzzell. Thorndike to be converted to soccer fields this year. Policy now in place to reduce usage, but no policy to rotate fields. No plans to renovate Hardy playground this year. No funds requested under this article. Field renovations in capital plan.

ARTICLE 70 APPROPRIATION/MINUTEMAN TECH: Fitzgerald provided a handout explaining the proposed assessment formula for Arlington. It is more than required by Ed Reform and less than by the regional agreement. Per-pupil cost \$15,900.

VOTED \$1,964,543 as requested. Unanimous.

VOTED to endorse by letter (to be written by Phelps) an act before the Legislature (S-266 & H-595) that would end the obstruction by non-member towns of students who want to take a program offered only by a regional school. Unanimous

BUDGET 10 TOWN CLERK: Gen Govt Subcommittee provided handout making several changes to this budget & #11.

VOTED \$175208 Unanimous

BUDGET 11 BOARD OF REGISTRARS: Although there will be one election compared to last year's 3, the budget is only somewhat reduced.

VOTED \$91,139 Unanimous

BUDGET 15 ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS \$19,570 Unanimous

BUDGET 25 INSURANCE Considerable discussion of health insurance increase. Opponents believe that employees should shoulder greater share of health insurance in order to control cost growth.

VOTED \$9,308,560 13-2

COMMITTEE BUSINESS:

Meetings are scheduled for March 19, 21, 26, 28; and April 9, 11 -- all in the Bob O'Neill Room at the Community Safety Bldg. Chair requested members hold 4/10, 11, 12 open also.

Agendas:

3/19 7:30 Land Acquisition Articles 77, 79, 80

3/21 School Committee

Based on notes taken by John Kneeland& Gail DuBois

Peter B. Howard, secretary